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UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Guadalupe Ortiz

Phone:

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Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No. 2010 87632

Date: 6/29/2010

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

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Complaint By: **First:** Cheryl **Last:** Toth

Account Name: Cheryl Toth

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State: AZ **Zip:**

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Utility Company: Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Division: Electric

Contact Name:

Contact Phone:

Nature of Complaint:

EMAIL RECEIVED - OPINION OPPOSED:

RE: Docket No.'s E-01575A-08-0328
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From: Valorie Nimmo On Behalf Of Utilities Div - Mailbox
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Guadalupe Ortiz
Subject: FW: Concerned About Rushed Decision to Build Line in Southern AZ

From: Cheryl Toth [mailto:]
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2010 4:20 PM
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox; Mayes-WebEmail; Pierce-Web; Newman-Web; Kennedy-Web; Stump-Web
Cc: jmaynard@co.santa-cruz.az.us; rmolera@co.santa-cruz.az.us; azgov@az.gov
Subject: Concerned About Rushed Decision to Build Line in Southern AZ

Dear Chairman Mayes and Commissioners:

As a Patagonia property owner, I am very concerned about the rushed nature of the decision to build a new transmission line through the Mountain Empire. As I understand it, this line will not solve the brownouts common to the area, and it is not really needed, based on the actual power demand in the community.

It makes me question, what is the hurry in making this decision? Why must it be made next week?

I would much rather see the coop spend the additional \$30/member on forward-thinking energy strategies that are better for the environment, and better for future generations.

For example, here in California, I just signed a solar lease with Sungevity - and evaluated options with both

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Solar City and SunRun as well. All three have very cost effective solutions to helping homeowners go solar. My deal is \$0 money down and a projected first year savings on our electric bill of hundreds of dollars.

Sungevity and Solar City both operate in Arizona. After speaking with someone at Sungevity, I learned that they are interested in exploring grid-connected options in a rural community such as the Mountain Empire. It's a solution such as this that Patagonia, Sonoita, and Elgin need some time to explore. And because these systems typically generate more power than a home needs, such an option would benefit SSVEC as well, as power is fed back onto the grid.

Bottom line: What is the rush to start construction on this new line? Let the community work with solar companies such as those I've mentioned, and others, to find a cleaner energy option. Because they have automated quote systems and logistics already in place, the decision and installation process for today's solar companies moves along quite quickly.

I strongly recommend that you allow homeowners in the Mountain Empire have a chance to explore this as an alternative to an old-technology transmission line.

Sincerely,

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Cheryl Toth

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

n/a

End of Response

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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From: Valorie Nimmo On Behalf Of Utilities Div - Mailbox
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Guadalupe Ortiz
Subject: FW: June 22, 2010, SSVEC letter to Cooperative members

From: Nancy McCoy [mailto:
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2010 10:26 PM
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox; Mayes-WebEmail; Pierce-Web; Newman-Web; Kennedy-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: June 22, 2010, SSVEC letter to Cooperative members

June 27, 2010

Arizona Corporation Commission
Chairman Kristin Mayes
Commissioners Pierce, Newman, Kennedy, and Stump

Dear Chairman Mayes and Commissioners:

I would like to bring to the attention of the Commission, a letter sent from Sulfur springs Valley Electric Cooperative to its members dated June 22, 2010, and signed by Mr. Jack Blair, Chief Member Services Officer.

Mr. Blair states that this letter is being sent "to correct blatant misinformation that is being spread by a few self-

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serving members" concerning the proposed 69kV line.

In the last paragraph, Mr. Blair states, "Regarding the Wildcat Mine - it is located six miles outside of SSVEC's service area in UniSource Energy's service territory and cannot be served by SSVEC." Mr. Blair fails to mention that SSVEC can serve this area through the means of a cross boundary agreement.

Mr. Blair also states that "solar and wind do not solve the capacity problem as peak load occurs in the morning when solar output is low..." But he fails to mention that energy storage could solve this cold weather problem and that warm weather peak loads occur in late afternoon when solar output is at its highest.

Mr. Blair also states that "the opponents' proposed solution to install several large renewable stations around the Affected Areas would only exacerbate the current reliability and performance issues." I would have hoped that in a two page letter, Mr. Blair would have been able to explain the reasons for this exacerbation, as important as they are to SSVEC's stand against these power options.

In short, I found the misinformation and lack of information in this letter more reason to question SSVEC's hurried approach to the construction of the proposed 69kV line. I sincerely hope that the Commissioners will not allow SSVEC to move forward with this line.

I appreciate the Commission members taking the time to read this letter and considering the issues I've addressed.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy McCoy
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The Duquesne House Bed and Breakfast

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Utilities' Response:

N/A

End of Response

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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Complaint By: **Brandi Melissa**

Miller

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From: Valorie Nimmo On Behalf Of Utilities Div - Mailbox
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Guadalupe Ortiz
Subject: FW: YOUR PEOPLE OF PATAGONIA SAY NO!!!

From: Brandi Miller [mailto:s
Sent: Saturday, June 26, 2010 4:16 PM
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox; Mayes-WebEmail; Pierce-Web; Newman-Web; Kennedy-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: YOUR PEOPLE OF PATAGONIA SAY NO!!!

Dear Commissioner Mayes and Commissioners:

Please know that the People of Patagonia are strongly opposed to being strong armed by this money hungry corporation. WE ARE SAYING NO! PLEASE LISTEN TO THE TRUTH! SSVEC was ranked as the NUMBER ONE solar utility for solar watts installed per customer in 2009 with 56 watts per customer, beating out Maui Electric Company of Hawaii which came in as a distant second with 33 watts per customer. WHY arent they talking about this anymore??? Was that all just for show? SSVEC should be tooting its own horn about this award but that wouldn't help its case for the 69kV line. Instead SSVEC is mum on solar and the sort of press release they do send out is attached ("SSVEC Eager to Begin Sonoita Line Project"). SSVEC is doing its best to avoid any spotlight on how much the residents of this community are utilizing solar even though many of us will now wait years to get our rebates.

In 2009, the Mountain Empire communities held the 2nd Annual Santa Cruz County Renewable Energy Expo in

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Sonoita which was attended by over 300 people on a snowy day. Homeowners are utilizing solar like crazy in this area which I am certain will keep SSVEC at number one in 2010. Commissioner Mayes stated that she wanted to see how this community would respond to the 69kV line by embracing alternative energy. We have done so and SSVEC doesn't want you to know.

I respectfully request that the Commission obtain an updated report on the solar installs in the V7 area before the upcoming June hearings so that a full picture of our community's dedication to clean energy and saving cooperator dollars is clear. A decision acknowledging that there is no need for a 69kV is in the best interest of the public, SSVEC and its cooperative members.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Yosef Funke
General Manager
Tree of Life Rejuvenation Center

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Attachment(s):

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2010-001 press release.pdf

2009 utility solar rankings executive summary.pdf

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Many Blessings,
Brandi Melissa Miller
The Enchanted Garden

www.enchantedgardenaz.net

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Utilities' Response:

N/A

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Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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